IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

CONSTANT P.M.J. BAGGEN ET AL

Filed: CONCURRENTLY

Title: METHOD OF STORING OR DECODING A STREAM OF BITS

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Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 10 to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claim is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

10.   A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the end-bit (114) is set to one and the filling bits (115) are set to zero.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may

have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore

reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at

a later time during the prosecution of this application or

continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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10.   A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 5~~, characterized in
that the end-bit (114) is set to one and the filling bits (115) are
set to zero.